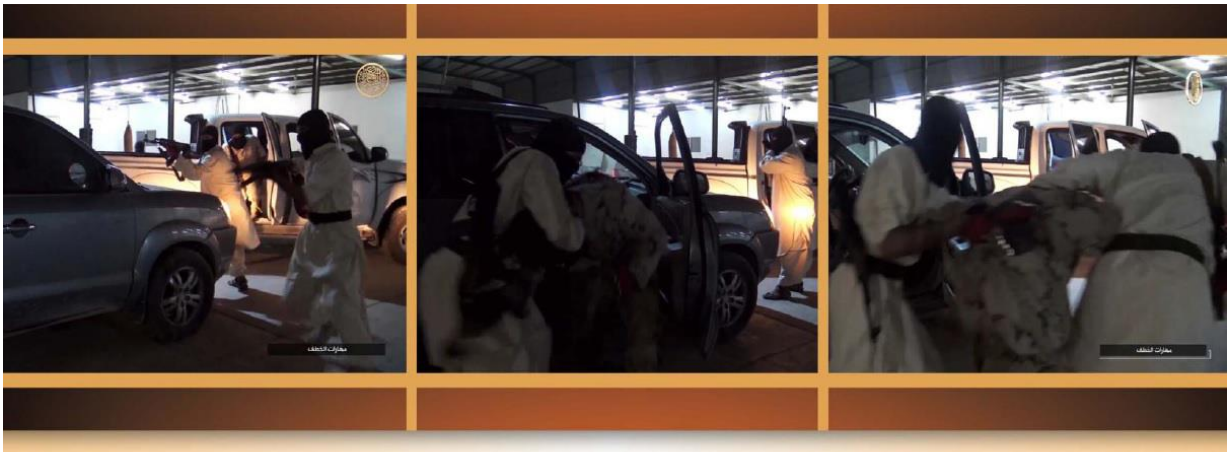

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Preface

To the patient ones everywhere ..

To my father who planted the tree of Islam .. and my mother who watered this tree with freedom and dignity …

To the Sheikh Abd al Hamid Kashak who saw the Ummah and awoke it from its slumber .. and it is discerning …

To the Sheikh Amr abd ar Rahman who carried the banner of jihad and defended it .. at a time when the strong were cowards

To my teachers Abu al Fatih .. Sheikh Abu al Walid .. Haydarah

To our hero martyrs Ahmad Abdallah .. Azzam .. Abu Zaid al Tunisi .. Hawa' Brayyif .. Abu Yusif and Nibras

To the friends of jihad Abd al Khaliq as Sini .. Abu Islam al Masri .. Abu Ahmad al Harbi .. Abu Muhammad al Ilmani .. Abu Khalid al Habib .. Sa'd and the rest of the brothers of al Qa'ida ..

To all my brothers in al Qa'ida Ansar Allah (al Qa'ida)..

To the heroes who sought and freed your brothers from imprisonment of the Hindus ..

To the patient women who have imprisoned husbands ….. and

To the patient ones who are imprisoned .. Harun.. and

To our prisoners behind the walls everywhere .. Abu Aamir (Abu Hamam al Ha'un) and his friends in Egypt .. Sheikh Amr Abd ar Rahman and his friends in America .. and ..

For you I wrote this lecture ..

Kidnapping

In the name of Allah the Most Merciful and Compassionate

The fact of the conflict between Islam and disbelief throughout time is clearly evident, between it Allah glorified and exalted is He to his believing worshippers and He said in His ruling book: (How and if they overcome you then they do not observe you except for any pact or treaty of protection, but they please you with their mouths but their hearts refuse this and most of them are immoral) and He said also: (They do not observe a believer or any pact or treaty for protection and they are in fact the transgressors), but from my awareness ….

And today in wake of the events in Palestine Muslims are certain of the fact of the global order [The Jews and the Crusaders (Israel and America and the English especially and the Europeans in general)], and they knew well the distribution of roles: “The Jews are the money and the mastermind” – “The crusaders are the material power” – “Islam and so forth is the target” and it became certain that we will not found an Islamic State before we target the existing global system .. the system of the white man.

The racial conflict between white men and others from human beings are of two forms:

The first: their war on Islam from an ideological perspective and this is the war of extermination and eradication (The Chechens – the Bosnians – Kashmir – Timor – South Sudan – and the bloody and wounded Palestine).

The second: their war to change Muslims from an exploitation perspective (employment for the wealthy and a swamp for the trash and a field to experiment on a slice of human beings their guilt is zero or black skin).

But, those who disbelieve spending their wealth .. and then they will spend it.. then there will be heartbreak upon them .. then they will prevail .. and achieve the Lord’s promise .. but does not surround the bad wickedness except his people ..

But what is our role as Muslims.. ! And the Exalted said : (and fight them until there is no discord and the religion of Allah is all for Allah) and He said also: (Fight them and Allah will punish them with your hands and will disgrace them and grant

you victory over them and heal the chests of a believing people) and He the Exalted said: (And when the sacred months have passed then kill the polytheists wherever you can find them and capture them and siege them and wait for them at every place, but if they repent and undertake prayer and give Zakah then let them go on their path, verily Allah is the Most Forgiving and Merciful).

The command of Allah is like the sun at 4 in the afternoon to clarify the Lord's appropriate methods to deal with disbelief and its people .. but it is negligence .. nothing else except it ..

Allah the exalted said: (And prepare for them what you are able of power and steeds and terrify them, the enemies of Allah and your enemy and others beside them who you do not know but Allah knows them. What you spend for the sake of Allah will be paid back to you and you will not be wronged against.) Verily Islam must from power launch against it in (the land) to free (the people) .. and first what is made this power is the field of da'wah:

- If those who chose this aqidah believe in their freedom in its choice, do not turn aside, and do not be mesmerized by it also after its embrace..
- The second matter: if you terrorize the enemies of this religion then don't think about assaulting the (land of Islam) which is protected by that power..
- The third matter: if the terror reaches those enemies then they will not think about standing in the face of the Islamic tide, and it is launched to free all (the people) in all (the land)..
- The fourth matter: If this power is smashed each power in the land takes itself as the divine trait, then the people will rule in its legal rulings (Shari'ah) and its power, and it does not recognized that the divinity of Allah alone, and then the governorship of Allah alone the glorified

The First Chapter

General

Definition

Kidnapping is one of the methods which will break the will of the enemy and force him to submit to the wills of the attackers under pressure with the victims seeking assistance and the seriousness of the kidnappers and their success in insuring the victims, and it is one of the most dangerous intelligence operations and most controversial and most difficult for the length of its stages and what follows the negotiation process and communications and promises.

The Target of the Kidnap Operation (Goals of the Attackers):

1- Free the captivity of Muslims from the Kuffar's prisons.

2- Obtain high level information of the importance

3- Controlling the enemy after his kidnapping and explaining his hardship and the size of his crimes which he committed against Muslims and executing him as a deterrent

Example:

4 - Deterring martyrdom kidnapping operations to prevent the enemy from acts of annihilation or using deadly weapons and spiting the enemy and transferring the suffering of the conflict to inflict harm between his citizens and in his land.

5- Serious support to Islamic minorities in their issues in funded front kidnappings and supporting their enemy (Palestine).

6- The media to raise the issue in their means to highlight the legitimacy and justice and the ugliness of the enemy together to earn sympathy

International

7- Policy of internationalizing the issue and highlighting the fact of the conflict and its different aspects in kidnapping the public and secret allies of the enemy (conflict of the Ummah).

Types of Kidnapping:

1- Secret: The operation is done in full from monitoring to the hideout without realization of the security services and until beginning of the negotiation process and this type is safe and less dangerous and we discuss this in the third chapter of this note during an operation until its execution.

2- Public: that is kidnapping is a manner in which a number of hostages are transferred and results in security forces sieging the location and beginning the negotiation process, and this type is more risky and often it is preferred the operation be a martyrdom operation, and we discuss this in the fourth chapter of this note during an operation until its execution also.

"Both successful models should be recorded under the name of Muslims"

Securing a Kidnap Operation

1- It is good to put trust in Allah with the realization and using the following items.

2- Conscious study of the idea.

3- Strict surveillance to provide information (especially the new methods to achieve surprise in the movement of the most dangerous parts of the operation)

4- Simplicity of the plan

5- Work crew and understanding of each team member his role in the operation and flexibility in carrying it out

6- Appropriate concealment in all stages of the operation

7- A good and appropriate hideout for the size of the operation
8- Timing and visibility conditions and the weather from day to night and clouds and fog and its suitableness for the operation
9- Trial (complete rehearsal before the operation and in a location similar to the conditions which will be carried out and the methods of extraction).

Success Factors for the Kidnap Operation

1- Secrecy in monitoring and choosing members and practice and execution
2- Surprise with weapons and the timing and the tactics of the operation
3- Speed in performance from attacking and taking control and withdrawing and hiding.
4- Resoluteness in negotiating seriously and revealing demands and understanding the view of the enemy and his restraint from conducting it
5- Inaccessibility of the location which the hostages will be located at while conducting the negotiations

Stages of the Kidnapping

1- Surveillance
2- Planning (studying the targets and the comparison between them – putting together the plan)
3- Executing the plan
4- Transporting the victims
5- Hiding and artistically treating the prisoners

6- Negotiations and agreement (Take advantage of the victim during the negations)
7- Operation of receiving and handing over
8- Withdrawing and disappearing

The Second Chapter

Stages of the Kidnapping

Preface

To clarify the topic in the following narrative:

The Islamic movement affirms its desire in undertaking revenge operations to provoke the known main enemy as part of a global crime triangle and the irritable trinity (The Jews and the Americans and the English) .. specifying the type of operation is a matter of utmost importance and may be its desire in kidnapping operation or a long operation for example [assassination or sabotage (with explosive or with gases or germs) or kidnapping] .. and it could be better for us to undertake the last operation.

What is the type of target wanted in a kidnapping?

The value of equipment and machinery could be in the billions of dollars and inflicting losses in it is a good thing and desired but regarding the Jews and the West, the value of equipment and machinery is determined as far as killing lives and it is doubled and the fact that individuals represent the infrastructure and the ethnic sovereignty for them, subsequently our goal must be inflicting irritation in striking the two elements together and directing more attention to the individuals, and in kidnapping operations this can be done via two methods:

1- The kidnapping of individuals is completed with one of the transport means (ship – plane – bus – or any other means).

2- The kidnapping of the individuals only.

The first form is what we call a public kidnapping operation because the authorities know after a few minutes from a successful kidnapping in controlling on the position of the transport method .. As for the second form, it is secret kidnapping and which is done to ensure the hostages are in a safe location then the enemy authorities choose to negotiate with them from a different location.

There are also two characteristics which must be provided in the individuals , characteristic in the kidnapping equipment to utilize in the kidnapping operation and its desired dimensions, and its impact is strong, and they are:

1- The nationality

2- The political and social status

Meaning that kidnapping a Russian plane carrying Russian people to support the Intifadhah in Palestine will not receive the huge echo in the beginning as a kidnapping operation of a Saudi plane carrying English people and that is because the position of both countries regarding the events in Palestine, and Russia is on the margin of the global regime, while the English are at the center.

Increasing clarification, the nationality of the hostage or the preparer and its weight according to the weight of its government's involvement in the conflict and the first grade of the enemy are occupied respectively be the Jews, then the Americans, then the English, then the second grade is occupied by Western European countries, and regarding the third grade, it is occupied by the Eastern European countries and the Moscow population.

Therefore the political and societal status, whenever people with deep social and political ties are kidnapped in the country and whenever after the operation there is a huge and strong echo which lead to the negotiation process and the success in achieving the operations' goals. In light of that the first grade occupies big money men then large political people then large military personnel and the second grade occupies large scholars in the sensitive sciences then the famous people of media arts then governmental officials and the third grade regards white tourists then white citizens then general citizens.

I will not leave the matter long for the reader to realize the importance of the difference between the form of the person (the Jews from large businessmen and the black American tourist). And for the first the world and the media will be restless and the Jewish state and its American English army will not sleep until its prisoner is released, as for the second, his government would leave him to meet his death as a victim of terrorism victims eliciting itself to condemn terrorism

through its media and imposing sanctions through the security council with a goal of sieging Islam and Muslims.

And we are able to be finished with this preface and go on to the next factor:

- Influential factors for undertaking the operation

    1. Shar'iah factors

       The need for a Shar'iah fatwa

    2. Political factors

       Benefit of the operation

    3. Military factors

       The ability to execute the operation

Stages of the Kidnapping Operation:

First: Surveillance:

Surveillance is a vital issue which must be addressed before commencing the kidnapping operation and it is a phrase of the operation to collect the information from a group of the targets which the leadership requests to be keen on knowing the following points:

1- The target (person or group or a member of it or equipment) and the basic information about it

2- The places which they return to or in which the equipment is located.

3- The paths they use.

4- The routine times and crowded times.

5- Available transportation means in the target area

- The target:

  Collecting the priority information

The targets which are susceptible to kidnapping are many and what is required is to gather as much information as possible to determine which elements are suitable for kidnapping compared with the strength of its organisation and all countries of the world are full of the trinity whether it is transportation means or individuals such as businessmen and also diplomats and also some of the investigators from the military experts and government officials' trips are not stopped and the tourist and the citizens are running wild in the streets ..

Gathering the priority information about them is done by:

1- Open information sources (the media – the Internet – etc.)

2- Gathering information via human element

3- Gathering information by eavesdropping

4- Putting the target under monitoring

5- Filming

As for the information required to gather, it is:

1- Daily schedule

2- Protection system

3- Relatives

4- His habits

5- Weak points

<u>Examples of Gathering Information via Tourist Group:</u>

- Discern different languages
- Type of tourist companies
- Type of available guards (inside the bus – bodyguard …..)
- Traffic lines

- Stopping locations (rest – fuel….)
- The settings in every car
- The availability of radios in the cars
- Drivers behavior in emergency situations (the car gets closer - always watching in the mirror)
- When the gates open
- Does the guard stay in the bus after the tourists depart
- Is there a time without a guard for the tourists
- Distance of the guards from the group, his weapon …..
- Knowing the tourist group program from the tourist company

- The Location:

The three locations in the kidnapping operation are:

1- The execution location

2- The hideout location

3- The handing over location

You must provide a group of information (intelligence) enough information on these locations

If we chose an execution location, for example, they must know the locations which the target repeat visits in a routine way [the house – the road from the house to work – the transportation used – work - the club – the road to the club – locations of close relatives and friends – the resort, … etc.] so that it makes easier the planning compared and identifying the best locations to conduct the operation. And for example, the Jew Edlof Ikhman was kidnapped in 1960 from one of the bust stations in Argentina and then his captors transported him and then executed him in occupied Palestine.

- The paths:

The danger is usually in movement and therefore one must choose the paths which provide the highest level of security and the least amount of time to cross and the goal of surveilling the paths which the target use are:

1- Knowing the paths which are the least secure and lead easily to the target

2- Choosing the best paths and the most suitable paths for use where there is maneuverability

The required information (along the lines of an example not limited to) the paths:

1- The streets which the target usually uses (leading to the house or work or the club.. etc.)

2- Directions of the path in the streets (two directions or one direction)

3- Style of walking in the street (Islamic – English)

4- Density of the pedestrians in the streets (cars – citizens)

5- Crowded hours during the day

6- The routine movement times of the target

7- Do the paths cross crowded locations (markets and commercial stores – cinema – amusement park … etc.)

8- The length of the streets and the branches of the streets in it – type of material of the streets (asphalt – dirt – concrete)

9- Police checkpoints and secret locations of the security forces in the streets

10- Personal body guard locations in the streets (important places – special guards)

As for other related information for the paths and known via the security lessons.

- Transportation means:

One must know the transportation means which cross the public area and the route streets of the target especially to choose the most suitable method and a method which does not draw attention and does not raise doubts.

1- The means which cross the target's region (bicycles – cars – buses – light transportation - heavy transportation .. etc.)

2- The types of public transport available which one can take to the target's location

3- Are there public parking locations for cars or private parking at the target's location.

Second: The Planning (Studying the Targets and Comparison Between Them – Putting Together the Plan)

<u>The Planning</u>

It is the previous scientific studies of the targets to determine the appropriate target and the best means for the job and preparing a complete group of coordinated measures especially to mislead the enemy and surprise them and lessen losses of the job if possible by exposure.

<u>1 – Studying and Analyzing Surveillance Reports:</u>

- Studying the target from all aspects

    a) Shar'iah basis (Permission)

    The presence of the fatwa allowing the work and giving it the necessary lawfulness, and a large number of scholars and leadership of Islamic work have issued fatwas, chief among them Sheikh Amr abd ar Rahman and Sheikh Usama bin Ladin, regarding killing the Jewish and crusader military enemy and civilians in response to their engaging in terrorist acts against Muslims in the world and Palestine and the Arabian Peninsula especially.

    b) Political (Benefit)

1- The importance and sensitivity of the target … what is the impact of the operation on the regimes in the Islamic world and the international community?

2- The influence on society … what is the response of the regimes in the Islamic world and the international community as a result of this operation?

3- The reaction at the peoples' level and the scholars and the change movements in the Islamic world … is the basis of the conflict clear and the did the operation receive what was desired?

c) Military (Capabilities)

1- Capability to access the target. Is there difficulty in accessing the target and kidnap him?

2- The ease of the target and its difficulty. Is the cell able to execute and perform the mission?

3- The expected level of danger to the tactical group. Is the cell able to execute the escape of the members?

4- Dexterity in negotiation. Is the brother doing the negotiating able to fulfill his mission?

- Studying the location at which the kidnap operation will be conducted

The best locations to conduct a kidnap operation are those which offer the following features:

1- Ability to access to the 'target's location' with the least danger possible

2- Its contribution in conducting the operation of "kidnapping the target" quickly and desired flexibility before the security men enter

3- Ability to exit from the 'target location' with the least damage possible

If the previous elements are provided in the kidnap plan then this means that the security of the kidnap plan makes it easier to penetrate and this location is suitable to make the victim between the jaws of the lion.

As a general observation, the best locations to conduct the operation are desired that the target be far from the eyes of his guards, and which the security forces are almost non existent.

- Studying the paths leading from and to the kidnap location and the hideout

The plan is adopted based on a comparison between the alternative paths where the choice for the path is the one that provides the following:

1- Least number of security forces present

2- Least amount of time to complete

3- Most of the plan is secret

4- Least amount potentially influenced by behaviour

5- The paths normally not usually crowded

- Studying the time

Time is an influential and important factor especially the main three stages and they are:

1- The time the operation takes to conduct, beginning from the moment of movement until the hostages have been captured and the location has been taken control of

2- The time the transport operation takes, beginning from taking control of the location until reaching the hideout

3- The time the negotiations process takes, and beginning from the moment the authorities know until the end of the operation

These times are adopted by way of studying the times of the target's routine and circumstances of activities and laziness of the security forces via the

surveillance report on the area and the routine of the target with trying to benefit from poor visibility times and bad weather conditions as a condition for the skills of the driver

As a principle the suitable time is which permits us to perform the mission and prevent the enemy from foiling it and hinders the chase

One must identify a time to conduct the operation and the movement of the hostages to the hideout

- Studying the available transport means to identify the most suitable with regards to the size and speed

The planner must know the transport means which cross the target's region to choose the suitable means and which provides the following features:

1- Which allows for crossing without raising suspicion

2- Method which is unusual or suspicious (in terms of tactics)

3- It is required that it is powerful and full of fuel and reserve cans and enough food

4- Protected by weapons

<u>2-Comparing between the targets and choosing the suitable one</u>

After a process of collecting information we then choose the target in response to the following questions respectively, then we compare the responses between the targets to choose the most appropriate one:

1- Is there importance and sensitivity for the target? (specific points of the target for kidnapping)?
2- Are there weak points of the target?
3- Is there an ability to get to the target?
4- Is there an ability to rescue the target?
5- Is there expected danger to the execution cell?
6- What is the impact of the operation on the group?

7- Is the group able to consider the enemy's reaction and take the appropriate measures to avoid them?

The target which obtain the most positive responses means that it is within our reach.

3- <u>The Plan</u>

1- The Deception Plan: fabricate an accident attracting attention of the security services and they will be busy on the main work location or will reduce their numbers in it, and at the height of their business the real plan begins
2- The true plan (conducting)
3- Human and material capabilities. It is providing the required ability from equipment and devices and members and training
4- Identify the cover stories
5- Set the time
6- Practice

- Securing the Plan:

a) The basic information and completing the following:
   1- Identifying the target clearly
   2- Ensuring the veracity of the available information (the location of the target – his guards – degree of secrecy - degree of ensuring)
   3- Identifying the required secret information
   4- Required reserve security precautions (alternate plan - investigation of individuals)
b) The plan and alternative plans:
   1- The main plan: and it is complete of all operational details and it is original
   2- The alternative plan: to be used in case the main original plan fails
   3- Emergency plan: to be used in case the previous two plans fail (and it is usually what is favoured plan) and includes:
      a. Identifying the duties of each member specifically

b. Stopping the main intelligence operation and the alternative immediately
c. Evacuation of the security houses used in the main and alternative plan
d. Putting a security plan for each member if they are arrested

c) Precise execution for each detail of the plan
1 – do not deviate from the instructions
2- not mixing the roles and duties
3-excuting the mission according to the times and locations and objective plans
4-honesty and reporting any mistake or any observation could hinder the operation like (the security forces' tracking of the members – mistakes – barriers – lack of providing the main element in conducting the operation)
5-lack of revealing methods of execution before the operation
If that was subject to budget and evaluation with the media members and preparatory work for the operation
6-applying security measures on the people and the documents and the equipment

<u>Enemy governments' recommendations to its members in the event they are exposed to kidnapping:</u>

The individual who is kidnapped should follow the following to stay strong:

1- He should stay calm and in control of himself and following the kidnappers will do the same thing
2- He should be polite with the terrorists because he is not the best to debate with them
3- He should build a good personal relationship with the terrorists and what follows is speaking with them about family matters or other neutral matters
4- Speak in a normal and natural voice
5- Do not refuse any service from the side of the terrorists (food – water – smoking)
6- Play sports whenever possible and preserver the cleanliness of your body

7- Try to exploit your time in order to keep a peaceful mind by scheduling your time
8- Remember that negotiations or a rescue force is in the works but do not expect a quick or fast release
9- Always be alert for any chance to escape or the ability to free yourself from captivity by military operation if the military operation is conducted and it is a better thing to lie on the ground and wait until you are identified by the security force and any sudden movement during a rescue attempt could result in you being killed
10- Do not hesitate in responding to neutral questions, avoid discussions of religion and politics
11- Obey all of the terrorists' commands

Third: Executing the Operation

(**Example:** Kidnapping one of the Jewish businessmen during his attendance at some celebration)

You must take into consideration for each operations peculiarities and atmosphere suitable for it and it could repeat and it could not repeat especially if the security services are vigilant. And in this section we will explain what will happen on the ground in light of the agreed upon plan as follows:

- Operation's Groups:
  1- The cut off group (isolate the target)
  2- Group to secure the target
  3- Group to storm and it consists according to the need and normally it is two teams:
     a- Terrorism team
     b- Control team
  4- Group to cut off pursuit

- Features of each group and its task:
  1- The cut off group

     There must not be any difference distinguishing them between the normal citizens, and they should wear normal clothes and carry light

weapons not visible and of a type which is suitable to hamper the security units of the region.

Normally what they carry (pistols – hand grenades “proven to be effective in the cities” – decoys) and if they have cars then put machine guns and some individual (M/D) rockets (which can be fired one time) and a number of hand grenades.

This group usually occupies the junctions leading to the target’s region and which is located between it and between the security units’ headquarters with the purpose of:

a- Providing a warning to the storming group that the security groups trying to access and begin clashes with it to give the warning and to conduct the plan of the planner.

b- Entering to obstruct them and prevent the rescue team from entering while the storming group conducts the operation

2- The Securing Group

The same previous features and also being armed

This group occupies the target’s region itself (inside it and out) to serve as the role of the guard and their mission is:

a- Prevent any outside participation or interior withdrawal

b- Support the storming group with securing the surrounding area which they are working in

3- Storming Group

Usually they wear distinguished uniforms to avoid any mistake during the operation

A group of strong men who are in a high level of physical fitness and to a certain extent are proficient in the art of hand to hand combat and movements to cripple the enemy.

Homogenous working team proficient in using light weapons and coordinating with sign language

They have enough equipment to lift the hostages after capture

They are carrying weapons suitable for the size of the target and it could be conceived of the following [machine guns – bombs (offensive – tear gas) – pistols – white weapons – rope – some rockets al MD to prevent pursuit]

Their mission is defined as the following:

1- Terrorizing group storming the location and normally there will not be fighting and imposing its will on the location

2- A group to control the direct movement to control the hostages or the desired hostage and the hostages' capture

3- A group to cut off the support

A group similar in composition and its weapons and its mission..

The difference lies in its composition and near to the storming group to provide its services in the event the enemy is following the storming group

The group occupies a side path for the storming group

- The Attack Stages

  1- Approaching

  2- Storming

  3- Withdrawal

<u>Example:</u>

1- Deception Plan

Undertake a secondary operation (at a location far from the main target place) and in the beginning it appears large and huge and a way that more of the security forces units will be included which they siege the location and plan against it .. for example a huge fire in a timber warehouse in the port .. a car

explosion on one of the bridges .. the outbreak of large and violent protests .. etc.

A deceptive team undertakes its mission and with reassurance to lure enough security units to give the agreed upon signal to the cut off team.

2 – The True Attack

a. Approaching

The cut off team enters the points where it occupies its locations and gives a sign it is ready (to disrupt security forces) for the securing group

The securing group moves to its mission to secure the target location and cut it off completely and prevent any guard elements from coming near it or any other elements from coming near the target location and giving a sign it controls on the location outside the target to the storming group

b. The storming and control

1- The terrorizing group storms quickly to the target location spreading terror and chaos with enough violence to suppress action to resists them and subject enough of the other desires for its dominance to secure the mission of the control group which enters directly behind it

2- The control group begins arresting the target immediately and quickly and securing it and withdrawing quickly from it .. the remaining elements will evacuate any wounded from the terrorizing group

3- The terrorizing group will then cover the withdrawal of the control group and quickly be with it to protect it

a. Withdrawal

We can name this stage the first jump and it is the following:

1- Go with the storming group quickly to the safe house, the terrorizing group transforms into the close protection group for the control group, and the terrorizing group gives signs to the securing group

2- Once the storming group departs the target location the securing group takes the step to depart the location to its first location and gives the evacuate sign for the location of the cut off group

3- With the arriving of the sign to the cut off group, it melts into the ranks of the citizens coming to its first location too

4- The cut off group pursues and monitors the storming group in case pursuit units appear working directly with their obstruction and lures it to a secondary fighting to ensure the storming group gets out, then they break away from the clashes and quickly goes to its secure location

Observation: do not tell any members of the special safe house about the other groups.

Fourth: Transporting the Wounded

The leadership ensures that the groups arrive to its secure location safely by following the operational events via the friendly monitoring teams, then the storming team first works with the hostages to the final hideout, then starts to withdraw the remaining groups or it dissolves according to its roles in the plan or the evolving of the security situation.

There are three important elements for the success of the transporting operation and they are [the methods – the means – the way]

Previously we discussed the means and the path, as for the methods of transporting the prisoners it requires innovating and thinking with an open mind without limits with a certain horizon and whenever the methods are new and the creator is new and whenever the transportation operation is more secure

For example, who is able to dope the hostages and put them in a coffin and transport them via hearses, or as a groups of prisoners in a car resembling prison cars, or as a tourist in a bus especially for tourists, or in boxes under a number of vegetables or under grains in a grain truck (farm truck) .. etc.

You need to imagine scenarios for important and necessary evacuation operations to secure transporting the hostages

Fifth: The Hideout and the Art of Dealing with the Prisoners

It is the strongest of elements for success of the negotiations, and I can give it a term (wonderful place)

The enemy's units hang its hope on identifying the location of the hostages and trying to storm it and free their prisoners in a long operation and if they are successful in that then it will be considered lowly and it will not be recorded as a glorious victory on the enemy and from here the wonderful place where the hostages will be placed and is not strong enough for the enemy's security units to free its prisoners despite it knowing the general region., and from these wonderful places [Kandahar airport – Philippine forest] and it is without doubt which was behind the success the two Islamic State in Afghanistan operations and it gave the operation the required security precautions and provided a wonderful atmosphere for the negotiator to succeed via conducting the negotiations in an unrivaled place like the Philippine forests which eluded the security units and acquiesced to the demands of the kidnappers

Series of hideouts (The first hideout … the final hideout)

The first jump (from the operation location to the first hideout):

The first hideout is the place where the excitement of the kidnapping operation is wiped away and the beginning of moving the hostages to separate and safe locations in light of the strength of the executing group. The hostages may be evacuated to groups for those who have family as members of the group or the safe house.

The second jump (from the first hideout to the final hideout or moving throughout the hideout series):

The final hideout is the place where the captive feels he is trapped and there is no hope for escape and no way for him to survive without his country cooperating and the hope to save his life rests on that. The final hideout may be in a free or rugged region (mountains – forests) which do not help the regimes in entering

them or under control of a friendly regime which the organisation has ties to, it is important that the country is not able exercise its will or power on it. And this is the most important factor for success of the negotiations [the opposing party feels a sense of frustration in rescuing hostages without getting 85% of the demands].

- The practice or art of dealing with the prisoners depends on the meaning of the demands sent via them after releasing them to the authorities and their citizens and in view of this message their program becomes skilled.

Sixth: Negotiations and Agreement

It begins after arrival to the final hideout and its success it defined by a number of important elements:

(The negotiator – the cause – the message – people of the enemy – gains and spoils of the operation)

a- <u>The Negotiator</u>

Important conditions in the negotiator:

1- High level of culture and continuing following of events

2- The deep knowledge (and not familiarity) with the cause and its developments

3- The art of conversation to overcome the enemy's suspicions and refute his interpretations and to influence the psyche of the enemy and his confusion.

4- Stern in the language especially when giving his demands

5- Insight so that he does not keep up with the negotiator delaying all his concern to earn the time in order to improve the security maneuver

The negotiator must have a high level of general cultural knowledge and development of events, but the absolutely most important of the conditions in undertaking the negotiation process is to be knowledgeable on his issue which made him undertake the operation, and which he is able to highlight in a powerful and clear way and is not unclear or confusing.

In the maneuver what is required of the negotiator is that he is proficient in verbal maneuvering with his peer from the enemy and clarifies what he has and replies to suspicions and offers evidence and compelling proofs, and if the negotiator is weak in this aspect then he must be firm in using strong language and does not lengthen the conversation but he must limit the time to talk does not increase and writes everything he wants to say in an eloquent sentences and phrases and resonant slogans resonating with the public following developments of the issue.

Be smart and aware of the art of blackmail of the enemy and benefit from the existence of cases of sickness and old age and speed of replying of the authorities to the demands .. beware of stalling and in the event of the authorities' stalling the immediate start of executing hostages and that carries the blame of the authorities' negotiator.

B- The Issue

In assassination and rapid sabotage operations there is not usually a chance for dialogue and clarifying why we undertake this work, but the matter is absolutely different in kidnapping operations where events remain hot and fresh and the open dialogue and the entire universe is listening wholly to all that is said and this is without doubt a rare media opportunity to highlight the issue:

..the issue of Islam and the suffering of Muslims in all the Earth and in the Islamic world and the Peninsula and Palestine especially

.. must reveal the truth of the Jews and their management of the West and its people and their servitude to it but their exploitation to serve their goals and the work in applying it. They live for the triangle of controlling money and power and politics.

.. must reveal the suffering of the world in light of the assaults of the white man and his dirty and exploitive and slavish and overbearing racial aims for the people.

This topic is important and needs truth for a number of lectures until the people are aware of them

C- The Message

The message in itself is a powerful and expressive message but it does not substitute the political discourse which the Ummah must understand by the enemy and its agents .. to clarify the path and the way the Ummah must behave to overcome its dependence and obtain its freedom. As for the agents, they must know that they are in their path of the demise of their masters and leaving a free people without pressures and burdens.

You must prepare the message meticulously before beginning the operation because it will be our strategic brief in dealing with the enemy until Allah implements the matter .. the letter must be in strong language and clear expressions with no lip service or twists.

D- Pressure on the emotions of the people of the adversarial regime from two angles:

The first is the hostages' suffering and sending it to them via recorded films and recorded clips making clear their suffering of life in the circumstances of the prison (in fact a speech of suffering is more comprehensive than a torture speech because it contains the pain from the psychological pressure and the deprivation from freedom and privileges of life and the practice of forced labour through bodily torture and ending with the cutting off of heads, and it is not suitable in every issue to reveal the bodily torture or the cutting off of heads and should be used in a temporary manner which is beneficial but is harmful to the greater issue.. but this matter must be practiced with the utmost sensitivity and gradually so that it benefits the operation especially and the issue generally)

The second is the justice of the issue via clarifying injustice of the regime and its transgressions on the freedoms of others (the issue of the scholars and chief among them Sheikh Amr abd ar Rahman).

E- The Demands (The Earnings and Spoils)

The primary demands (the media) [amplification in the demands] .. the main demands (the true ones) [the quantity which the operation was conducted for], required by human nature bargaining and this is until the enemy is lured to our true demands and one must request a huge and large amount of demands to tempt the enemy into agreeing to the demands to which there is not discussion or bargaining.

We demand 100 million dollars at the time when we want 10 million dollars, and this is the case in other demands and bringing in experience and training, but when we demand the Sheikh Amr abd ar Rahman and his imprisoned brothers in the enemy's prison, we do not compromise and we do not give up a fingernail for any of them. The work is on their release is the duty of every Muslim walking on their feet today.

<u>Important Warnings for the Negotiator in Kidnapping Publicly and Privately:</u>

1- Not extending duration of the detention
2- Procrastination is evidence of a lack of a desire by authorities in giving in to the desires of the kidnappers and its preparation for the field to free the hostages by force
3- Beware of the snipers who siege the kidnap location
4- Warning of food that is provided
5- Warning of the enemy using sleeping gases
6- Warning of releasing some of the hostages (the sick and the elderly and women and children) because they will give beneficial information to the negotiator
7- Beware of the enemy's attack and inflict as large a number of losses as possible in lives whether on the security forces or the prisoners, the operation must transform into a martyrdom operation in this case

Seventh: The Operation of Receiving and Handing Over

This part is the peak of success of the operation because its ending reaps the benefits which was planned for in order to pick it, and the most important of these benefits is achieving victory for the religion and spreading the victory in the hearts of Muslims and exposing the weak points of their enemy, and the most important of them is the enemy loses its will for direct combat.

Due to the importance of these points, one must identify the elements to be successful like:

a- Receiving location

b- If it will be conducted on friendly territory

c- If it will be conducted on hostile territory

d- If it will be conducted in territory under control of its forces

e- Through organisations which claim humanitarian work

f- Intermediaries assume control of the delivery process

b-Handing Over Locations

1- Intermediate Locations (1 or 2 or 3 in the previous paragraph)

2- Secret Houses and locations

<u>When Receiving Demands be keen on</u>

1- Medical check on the freed prisoners (former prisoners) fearing they received injuries

2- Ensure the money is real and not fake money

3- Ensure validity of the weapons

4- Ensure the equipment (the cars) or the material (medical – fuel) is in good shape

5- That the teachers and trainers be among the actual experience

Eighth: Withdrawing and Disappearing

With the receiving of the demands and also the spoils, the withdraw operation begins with them, and if it is in liberated areas or locations like it then there are not a lot of concerns, and should be aware of the enemy possibly following and preparing to attack and this must be a warning for a number of security factors during the prisoner period, among them:

1- Avoid discussing in front of the prisoners any personal information
2- Interacting with the prisoners via one person and he must wear a mask
3- Hiding any information related to the location of the prisoners during the arrest period
4- Preparing defensive plans for the public locations of the organisation to resists the enemy's attack, or withdrawing form it to an alternative location
5- The organisation must understand its enemy well and realise it is switches from one tactic to another in attempt to foil its missiles in striking the target and it will change to secret operations of assassination and kidnapping .. etc. and the two matters may depend on striking the fixed locations and practicing secret operations.
6- The action secures the leadership and secures their movements

Conclusion:

The organisation must work – like they say – underground with its military work and practices where the headquarters does not know .. and if the organisation is public, then it must go underground and try to conceal its identity and its striking power and most of its members and work on reducing its members as much as possible.

If the organisation concludes its studies of the stages of kidnapping based on what we explained then we can say we will experience a successful kidnapping operation, Allah willing.

Third Chapter

Secret Kidnapping

(Abu-Sayyaf Group's Operation in the Philippines)

I have not received accurate information about the operation, and the current information is few and incomplete, cannot be relied upon, or even drafted in fiction format.

I shall hold off to writing about it till I get information.

Fourth Chapter

Public Kidnapping

(Operation of releasing Sheikh Mas'ud Azhar from captivity)

Radio news have surprised us with the first news, and then following news rolled:

* A group of Sikh hijacks Indian plane while on a domestic flight.

*The hijackers did not specify any demands.

*They released the women and the children.

*A dead body was thrown on the runway of an Airport in Dubai.

*The plane landed at Qandahar Airport after having a big malfunction.

*The kidnappers are Islamists from Kashmir.

*The demands are $200 million dollars and the release of 36 Kashmir's heroes captivated in the Indian prisons.

*Ended with releasing Sheikh Mas'ud Azhar and two heroes . . . and may be other things that we do not know.

This is the way the news rolled around the clock for more than five days . . . The co-pilot wrote a book that he named [175 hours of captivity] and a novelist wrote another book about it called [Flight IC814].

The kidnappers have not issued anything yet . . . But we may imagine, under the second chapter's frame, how the events marched, with a bit of information available here or there about what happened and how the events has become like, and I will summarize it in narrative way.

On the last day of the blessed month of Ramadan, 1421 AH [Concurrent with 12/27/2000], I had just finished some important arrangements, and on my trip back, I met somewhere8 in whatever country with the prince and the hero of the

operation, and it was such an interesting and exciting meeting that lasted for continuous five hours and ended at 12:30 in the night of the feast.

Hosted by Qandahar's governor, Mullah Muhammad Hasan Rahmani may Allah Have mercy on him . . . in Afghanistan . . . at that time, the brothers did not want to reveal the meeting location.

The hero is at the beginning of his forties, about 170 cm tall, broad-shouldered, strong-build, and his face is round brown with little redness that reflects divine light surrounded with an aura of gravitas . . . His eyes are so deep and shines a luster of hope, and never disparate . . . His beard is wide with medium thick moustache, small flour nose,, his hair is long, soft, and slouching to his ears, with lines of gray hair . . . his voice is thin, and has an upscale sense of humor . . . And despite this humility and kindness that appear on him, you see features of seriousness, firmness, and will hardness appear on him while narrating the events . . . He looks like majestic sortie lion with his long hair and beard . . .this is our hero, brother (Ibrahim Azhar) who started his words by thanking Allah and asking peace to be on His Prophet. He looked up to me saying: "You may ask me about what you want, and I will tell you everything."

I said I had one question only: "Would you tell me about the events that took place since you thought about the matter till you received Sheikh Mas'ud?"

His face lightened with a sweet smile looking up toward the room ceiling trying to remember the events, and said:

"Since Sheikh Mas'ud Azhar was arrested, we had tried many operations inside India, but they were not successful, and we thought deeply in how to resolve this problem, and after discussing the matter, we decided to undertake an operation outside India, or one half of it in India and the other half outside it, and our thoughts were focusing on two objectives:

1- Kidnapping an Indian ambassador, and exchange him with the Sheikh.
2- Hijacking an Indian plane.

We made many attempts toward the first target and we did not succeed, so we thought seriously about the second one, and consulted with some of the big brothers of the Mujahidin in a number of groups four years ago, and they

did not agree with us based on the failure of many kidnapping operations, in addition to an international consensus not to meet the kidnappers' demands.

But we did not get desperate, and one and a half years before the kidnapping operation, we got cards and Indian documents for ourselves and began reconnaissance program and information collection about [Planes and their kinds, airports and security measures therein, countries and their habits, and we watched a number of movies about hijacking planes, and we looked for Indian travel agencies and asked for Indian trip programs abroad.] through which we specified some places that are having loose security, and we selected Nepal for the following reasons:

1- Nepal is dramatically full of Western tourists and it is important that a big number of them would be among the passengers, which causes considerable embarrassment and pressure on the Indian government so that it would meet our demands for fear of them getting exposed to abuse and it might be held accountable and asked for compensation from their respective countries.

2- Through following up the excursion programs and monitoring the tourists, we realized that the Western tourists usually come to Nepal first and then to India directly and not vise versa

3- Also, there is an agreement between India and Nepal to allow their citizens to travel between the two countries without the need to a visa or even a passport, where suffice card or driver's license is enough.

4- We preferred Nepal due to its weak economy, and the cost of the operation including accommodation, making arrangements, and buying few weapons; but our estimate was wrong in. . . everything is expensive in Nepal.

We began searching for weapons, and the matter seems simple, the Communists are there and so are the Mafia, and there are some Muslims that might co-operate with us. . and also the political opposition to the ruling regime. . but we were deceived three times, and nothing we could do because we were the weaker party in the deal, and finally we were able to do it through a retired army officer who we bought from him (4) hand grenades, and four pistols, two of which were automatic and the others were revolvers. This stage including deception

cost us two million caldars (Pakistani rupees) at that time. We discussed the next step, which is the airport and how to bring the weapons to the plane.

Through information gathering program, we knew of drug smuggling movement that is done at the airport and the workers there compete with each other in it, so we discussed their situation and found that the workers at the airport are composed of two groups, the first is the security personnel, and the other is the employees and both are easy to deal with. . We chose to deal with the employees and we met with their highest official and discussed with him smuggling an amount of drugs to India, and his offer was so surprising when he said: “The value of smuggling per trip is thirteen million caldars, I take the merchandise from you outside the airport, and you receive it at the waiting lounge.”

We told him the amount we have is small, it is only seven kilograms, and he said: “This amount is for one trip whether the amount is one kilogram or one ton.” We didn’t have a deal. . surely we didn’t have that amount of money, and it wasn’t possible to get it at that time. That’s why I said our estimate was wrong regarding the economical situation in Nepal. . it cost us a lot.

I cannot describe to you our feelings at that time, worry, hope, agony, joy, success, and failure; sometimes we had a feeling of victory, and failure in other times. . But it cost us a lot, and that’s why moving was not the option.

We sat days to discuss what we can do, we were five. . we prayed a lot to Allah to guide us. . we discussed many ideas, should we rob a bank? No, no one would say we are Mujahidin but thieves. . some said we hijack a bus. . others said we take control of a hotel, but some of us said we rely on Allah and enter the airport with weapons. . we made up our minds onto that, but how?

How would we bring in the weapons, do we bring them in with a brother, or two, or with all of us. . this matter took several days in consultation, and eventually, I decided the following plan:

1- One person only would bring the weapons in, and if Allah supported him and he got in, he would, from the waiting lounge, call us at the hotel so that we move directly to him.

2- If he got arrested, and no communication took place within two hours, we would leave the country immediately through the border or by any means other than flying.
3- Whoever carries the weapons must be capable of talking to the media, and in case he got arrested, he would talk about Kashmir and present its case especially we are now celebrating the millennium.
4- One of us was a student and he said about the weapon carrier what we also repeat the Almighty Allah's saying: (And We have put a bar in front of them and a bar behind them, and further, We have covered them up; so that they cannot see.)
This was the plan.

That is the plan and we have to choose now, two of us were not able to talk to the media, and the three of us were, as the case of Kashmir runs in our blood. . And despite all of that, everyone was keen to do the job, so we decided to draw straw and wrote our names on papers, and of course one of us won, and we began a new stage which was how would we hide the weapons during entry?

Reconnaissance is a very important matter; we benefited a lot from it. .

We travelled to Nepal more than five times within the last five and a half years during which we were observing how the security authority deal with the passengers. They are very nice because of the tourists, and they do not carefully search them, and in most cases they do not search them especially if the passenger looks sedate, respectable, and wealthy, that passenger gets a special treatment of salutes and smiles.

Based on that, we began to prepare the final shape by which the weapons would be carried and brought in, and the arrangements were as follows:

1- We purchased travel tickets, two of them first class, and the rest economy.
2- We purchased fancy and expensive clothes to give the impression of respect to its wearer, and the trousers leg was elegantly wide.
3- We purchased a waist belt that the tourists wear to carry money. And also two pieces of knee elastic bandages and a mask for every brother.
4- We purchased some ropes and daggers that are allowed to carry as a tradition of the people of Nepal.
5- The four bombs will be put in the money belt and each two of the four pistols under elastic bandage around the calf muscle of each leg.

That was the final shape, and we have to rely on Allah. . The brother moved and he and all of us reiterate Almighty Allah's saying: (And We have put a bar in front of them and a bar behind them, and further, We have covered them up; so that they cannot see.)

The brother went through as if the world became blind and do not see anything, and Allah's grace was great.

We got the call from the airport so, we rushed, and thank Allah, we entered the plane which took off carrying us to its destiny where we are going to implement the important part of the plan which we arranged as follows:

1- We chose a trip that takes one hour and a quarter to fly from Katmandu to New Delhi.
2- We will begin the kidnapping operation after one half of the time has passed and that is when we will be in the Indian territory, and we set our watches.
3- The brother who carries the weapons, number one (In the first class), will move to the bathroom where he takes the weapons out, puts them in his pocket, puts on the mask, defuses the bomb's safety lock, gets a pistol ready to discharge, and comes out the bathroom.
4- When bathroom door opened, his colleague and the passenger next to him, number 2 moved directly towards him, while wearing a mask, took the

weapons from him and distributed them. The rest [of the group] moved quickly to number 2 to get their weapons.

5- Meanwhile, number 1 broke into the cockpit, destroyed the door lock and took control of it (Preparedness information stated that regulations were to keep cockpit door locked at all times). But, Allah's hand was with us, as at the same moment number 1 reached the cockpit door to open it, the flight attendant exited through it after handing over a cup of tea to the pilot. Then Number 1, seized the opportunity and cut through to the cockpit, pushed the flight attendant aside and pointed his weapon at the pilot's head and said to him, "The bomb is armed, the gun is ready for use and the rest of the brothers have weapons and in control of the situation outside; so, there is no need for any attempts to save the airplane or manipulate us."

6- The rest of the brothers vacated the first-class cabin from the passengers and placed them in the coach cabin. We arranged for that to use the first-class cabin as a detention and killing room, so the rest of the passengers would remain unaware of our activities. Then two brothers occupied the hallways from the front (The airplane was an Airbus 310), one brother stayed in the back and the fourth was the group-communicator.

7- If we kill, we must do so using a dagger for two reasons:

a) We fear that shooting would damage the body of the airplane.
b) We fear that shooting would fright or cause a chaos amongst the passengers, which may turn things around.

8- After controlling the passengers and the crew, we announced to the passengers that the airplane was hijacked and under our control. We also announced that the operation was for Kashmir because of our conflict with India; therefore, there should be no need to cause trouble for their safety. In addition, movements were absolutely prohibited, all passengers were to place their heads on their laps, and all windows were to remain closed.

9- We blindfolded the passengers using the headrest covers which were hung on the seats (But after a while, we unfolded them because of the bad condition of the passengers, as they started vomiting; there were also some ill people in addition to women and children).

10- We adopted the following arrangement:

a) To initially move with the airplane out of India and never land in it or in Pakistan and the first stop was to be Dubai.
b) Not to linger at any airport for a long time, lest we expose ourselves to attacks from the authorities.
c) Not to present our demands unless the airplane is fueled.
d) To never stop the engines, not to park the plane at its gate, only on the runway and slightly move it every now and then.
e) To immediately start killing the hostages once authorities attempt to attack and barricade.
f) To immediately move out of the airport if authorities were stalling, regardless of how bad the barricade around the plane.
g) To turn the operation into martyrdom mission if negotiation failed. That would teach the world an unforgettable lesson and would benefit our brothers in any future hijacking operation, as their demands would be met immediately.
h) If an agreement was to be reached, the delivery region would be Kabul Airport for a number of reasons:
    I. The regime in Afghanistan is Islamic and follows our same jihadist identity, so it would sympathize with our cause.
    II. One of the basics of Islamic Shar'iah is that a Muslim should not be killed by an infidel; so, they would not hand us over.
    III. Our understanding of Amirul Mu'mineen and his clear and strong manly stances; especially, towards Sheikh Osama bin-Laden.
    IV. Through all that, our final dealings would be through a mediator we have an ideological alliance with; in addition, any reached agreement would be implemented because Muslims do not betray.

The storming of the plane and taking control of it were successfully executed as planned, with the grace of Allah, we even felt His care at all stages. At that moment, we already had control of the plane and it was at our disposal. The next step was going to Dubai; according to our preparedness information, the fuel should have been enough to get there (The preparedness report stated that any

airplane that made such trips would carry sufficient fuel for a round trip, which would have been sufficient to reach Dubai)… But, there was a surprise.

Nepal is completely surrounded by mountains, much like a coin inside a funnel and no airplane could land or take off without flying in circles a few times in order to get out of the funnel, and that time the plane carried a large excess weight; therefore, the plane had not enough fuel for the return trip and it was a must to land in either (Lahore, Pakistan or Amritsar, India). The pilot told us that and watching the fuel gauge confirmed his statement. So we would not be able to land in Dubai and had no choice but to land in Pakistan, although that was against our will. We moved towards Lahore, which was 9 air-minutes air-distance from Amritsar; we tried to land there three times, but they totally refused the landing… fuel was decreasing and time was passing… we consulted each other… and decided to count on Allah and land in Amritsar in India (Against the plan).

We immediately took ten Indian passengers to the first-class cabin, tied them with ropes and blindfolded them. I brought in the pilot and told him, “We would start killing these [people] in case of stalling, barricade, or delay of the fueling. You must inform the airport’s authorities of that while we are still in the air.” He notified them and added his own version saying that we had Kalashnikovs and tied a number of bombs to the body of the plane, and said that any rescue attempt would not result in anything but the death of all. He scared the Indians a great deal and was cooperating with us so much.

We landed in Amritsar airport; the authorities attempted to negotiate and asked for our demands. We refused to say anything until we leave the Indian borders and all we demanded then, was filling the fuel-tanks.

The authorities refused that and started to barricade the airplane, deployed their forces everywhere and started threatening us [Surrender and release the passengers], otherwise we will raid the plane!!?

But our response was decisive and strong [You have 3 minutes, if you do not give us fuel, we will start the killings].

Three minutes passed and all was in a state of alert; what would happen!?... The pilot appeared nervous and so did his co-pilot, almost. It was kind of a deafening

silence, but… my voice cut through this silence when I started counting down from 20 to zero… and once I reached it, the dagger had instantly separated the head of the first hostage… other voices conveying deep and terrible feelings filled the place… the pangs of death… and the horrified pilot screams… as everything happened before him.

Silence is no longer prevalent… I started counting again 20-19-18-17… the pilot's hysterical screams competed with my voice, "They beheaded five…" 13-12-11-10-9… "They will kill us all…" he had gone mad… 5-4-3-2-1… and once I reached zero, the authorities were also affrightedly shouting, "Stop! We will send the fuel truck. Look at these forces moving away from the plane!"… I turned to my brother saying, "Stop…" but the dagger had already accomplished its mission… it cut the second hostage before it stopped… the time between the S and the P was going to be enough to complete the beheading… we were serious… and my brother was dedicated to his work.

The Indian government sent the fuel-truck to the front of the plane and I saw it approaching in the dark in the airplane's lights… A feeling of uneasiness came over me… I ordered the pilot to move a little forward and that was our habit since we landed… the fuel-truck driver got scared, so he veered off the road… behind him appeared the reason of my uneasiness, military forces [ready] to raid the plane. I lost control of myself and starting violently beating the pilot, ordering him to take off… I did not stop the beating until he flew.

We spent 27 minutes in India… we only had less than 20 minutes worth of fuel… the situation was growing critical, so should we consider converting the operation into a martyrdom mission now?

We had no choice but to land in Lahore and I informed the pilot of that, but… the Pakistani forces threatened to hit the plane with a missile if it entered the Pakistani airspace… the pilot resolved the matter with them and said, "We do not care about anything because whether you hit us or not, we will crash anyway because the airplane has no more fuel, so I am landing at the airport."… Simple words but loaded with seriousness and cruelty… The Pakistani authorities said, "The runway is packed with cars and you will not be able to land…" So he said, "No choice…!!!"

The airplane approached the runway to land… we did not know if the Pakistani authorities ordered the cars to vacate or the drivers fled with their cars. I also do not know how if the plane landed or it ran out of fuel and crashed because it was jumping on the runway like an Australian kangaroo.

The Pakistanis started another dialogue with us… who are you… what do you want… they also barricaded the plane with forces… and started preparing for a military maneuver… and I started a verbal maneuver with them with the help of the pilot… and victory was our ally. We got information about Kabul Airport from them. They said, "You cannot land at night because of its weak technical preparedness." The pilot asked them about the pathway and then confirmed the same thing to us… but… we gave a strict order, "Go to Kabul." In 5 to 8 minutes the plane was filled with fuel and in the air.

In Afghanistan airspace and 100 miles before reaching Kabul, we connected with Kabul Airport tower, who reiterated the difficulty of landing there at night… then, we diverted to Dubai.

In Emirates' airspace and before reaching Dubai, the authorities notified us that we were not allowed to land in the General airport to avoid obstructing air traffic and the airport's vast activities. They directed us to another small airport, which we did not know that it was a military airport.

The airplane needed repair and landing was a must, so we landed at the airport… and questioning started… what are your demands… we said fueling, releasing some individuals and the third demand was repairing the airplane and then, we would announce our demands.

We insisted on not starting any dialogue without fueling the plane… in spite of the high level of pressure, as the passengers' condition deteriorated and the smell was unpleasant [They were 192; 15 of them were Europeans], in addition to the plane being damaged… in spite of all that, we could not sleep; you may not understand me, but I say it was as if a lion waited by the door wanting to enter, would you fall asleep?... Truly we did not get sleepy at all and we felt Allah's grace in every moment.

Two hours and a half of push-pull negotiations with the Emirates' authorities and finally, I decided to start counting down once more. I ordered the brothers to be ready and they brought the third hostage… and I started 20-19-18… and then the pilot started breaking down, crying and screaming, he screamed at them… and we [were going] 17-16-15… the pilot was screaming loudly at the negotiators saying, "The Indians did not do anything and this is not your cause; so whatever you do… they started beheading people, please cooperate with them… and we [still going] 14-13-12… the Emirates' authorities immediately agreed and stopped the beheadings… we demanded the following before opening the airplane's door; the stair-car must be driven by only one person; the driver was to get off it ten meters before reaching the plane and raise his hands to make sure he did not have anything on him; we then demanded him to place the stair-car and we opened the door… the exchange took place… the plane was filled with fuel in return for releasing 24 individuals, whom we wanted to release [Women with children, a few ill people, the killed and the injured].

Then the pilot notified me that the plane was damaged and must be repaired… so, I consulted my brothers and got off with the engineer under the airplane – we did not allow the pilot to leave the plane – There was a hole leaking fuel… a drop… by a drop, I examined that myself and had the engineer place his Hand under the hole… and the drops fell on him. We boarded the plane and closed the door… the pilot said that the fuel was very sensitive and friction with air can ignite it… I did not care…

The government of Emirates requested to send food for the passengers, as a long time had passed since they had a meal… we agreed… on conditions… food was to come in a regular bus with children on board… and at a distance of 30 meters, the bus was to stop… children would carry the food to the bottom of the plane… and then, we send one of the flight attendants to bring the food from downstairs… those were our conditions… but… the food arrived in a regular food-truck, not in a bus… we refused… it was either things happen according to our conditions or we take off… they said, "You cannot take off; we barricaded the airplane with two big busses." I ordered the pilot to move… he refused to move… with threats and beatings, he did; and as usual, the busses fled the scene quickly… it took us more than 5 hours and once more, we moved towards Kabul at three o'clock at night.

When we arrived to Kabul, they did not allow us to land at the airport and said, “Go to Kandahar!” and insisted on that… we wondered… and said if that was their wish, no problem… we did not want to land in Kandahar because Amirul Mu’mineen was there, and so was Sheikh Osama. We were concerned that if we land there, any force would come in using our excuse and harm them… based on the wish of the Taliban, we decided to land in Kandahar…

On the way from Kabul to Kandahar, the latest events occurred before my eyes… a wondrous scene… hours passed as if they were months… we did not waver… we felt no frustration… we had no fear… the place was filled with warmth and reassurance… as if we were in a spa… this operation passed through many twists that nearly volatized our journey… and faced traps that nearly shut all hope in our face… but none of that succeeded… Allah was with us and we felt His support and blessings… He planted love and sacrifice in our hearts… we no longer acknowledged other values but those two… that was truly the brethren spirit… we had repeatedly read the Sunna and I recommend reading it more… but my brothers and I did not recognize its connotation, as we did on the plane… we did not feel anything other than our incarcerated brothers… so for the sake of Allah and his Muslim servants in Kashmir, there were 36 detainees in the Indian prisons… endured the worst tortures… thrashed with whips… slaughtered without punishment… drowned in hot water… bitten by dogs… electrocuted… images of their tortures filled my mind… their groaning tore up my ear… their cries disintegrated in my liver… who stood by them? The 36 people were not incarcerated for a worldly conflict… but for the next generations to live under Islamic ruling with justice… no… we did not… we would not forget them, nor would we tolerate… we would pay the ultimate sacrifice for their redemption… we would pour our blood for them… we would not live and leave them incarcerated… never…With this mentality we enter into the negotiation…

Al Mujahidin carry weapons and put them down… they sleep on thorns and on beds… they pass through fire and sit amongst women and children… but them… they are tied up behind bars… the whips of the hangman did not break their hope for release… and it was hung upon our success… whenever we encountered a twist that entwined us… whenever we faced a trap that intensified against us… the pictures of our incarcerated [brothers] surfaced in the horizon, opened the traps and secured [a path through] the twists… the operation was for the sake of

Allah and his heroic soldiers behind bars… as He, the Almighty, directed it and He, the Almighty, guided us… we were determined to release them… even if our souls passed through to their creator… yes… they must be released from their confinement or our souls would be released from our bodies…

We have arrived to Kandahar airspace… the pilot announced it in his microphone… I turned to him… I looked into his eyes and found still hope for redemption… when we landed, there was the usual question, "What are your demands?" The answer was the usual, "Fill the tank with fuel first…" after a half hour, they agreed to fill it… but the damage of the plane had worsened and the hole became as if it was a faucet… the pilot wondered why the airplane did not catch on fire?!!...

We asked Taliban to repair it, but they said, "We only have experience with Russian airplanes and those planes were made by the west… we cannot do that… we will request engineers from India for that…" We then reached the end; we would not be able to move. We then started the negotiation, people from the United Nations had arrived and also Indian officials, as well as, the owners of the land [Taliban1] and our demands were:

1. To present the Kashmir cause to the world. The events which were taking place there, the pain and agony of its people at the hands of the Indian government… etc.
2. The Indian government was to pay 200 million dollars as ransom for the airplane and the passengers.
3. Release 36 heroes of Kashmir who were incarcerated in the Indian prisons, and Sheikh Mas'ud Azhar to be the first.

Days have passed with many negotiations… our will did not waver… every day we felt triumph closing up onto us… I smelled its aroma… the environment in Afghanistan provided us with confidence… we defeated the British and the Russians in it… and the defeat of the Indians became imminent… our trust in Allah was indescribable… triumph was on its way, it merely needed patience… in forenoon, a shape of a plane appeared in the horizon… yes… it looked like it… it was another Indian airplane landing on the runway… boarded by 3 passengers and a maintenance crew… the stair-car moved towards the airplane… I kept my eyes on it… the stair-car got closer to the airplane's door… I longed for opening

the door… it opened… our eyes were on it… a familiar face to me emerged, then another, and then another… the three passengers descended the airplane's stairs… boarded a bus and moved towards us… I sent one of my brothers to get the news… yes, it was Mas'ud… and with him were two heroes… Allahu Akbar… shouts of victory shook the narrow airplane and shook the hearts of the 168 passengers who were waiting to be rescued…

the redemption… We won… they brought what we agreed upon… I was about to descend from the airplane and looked at the pilot one last time … my eyes conveyed many expressions to him… it was a successful journey… to us… but to him??... He would not forget it.

We boarded the bus, on which was Sheikh Mas'ud… we embraced… the bus moved and took us to the place we agreed upon during the negotiations… the passengers boarded the new plane… the pilot took off as well, but to India.

Alhamdulillah, we executed what we planned and the grace of Allah was our ally:

1. We presented our cause in a desirable fashion.
2. We released Sheikh Mas'ud Azhar and two of the heroes.
3. There were probably other things he did not want to inform me of.

That was all I had to say… do you have any other questions… yes I have many… but… tomorrow is another eid, which is Eid al-Fitr… and the time for my move is approaching… five hours have passed… as if they were five minutes… I smiled with comfort… I looked at him once more… thanked him… and prayed for him… I raised my hand to shake his hand goodbye… he raised his hand and told me, "Here are some guidelines for you to use in this field; but first, give my regards to Sheikh Osama and Sheikh Abu Hifs and their heroic friends:

1. Getting weapons into a plane is a very easy thing, anywhere in the world as long as you have the suitable sum of money.
2. The results of these operations are, inshallah, guaranteed if you have a strong will.
3. If you say anything, you must be serious about it and able to execute it.
4. You must be ready to convert any operation into a martyrdom one [We were absolutely willing to do that. If they delayed us, we would have done

what we said, in order to become role models, to set an example and to teach them a lesson that Muslims do what they say, so they would never hesitate to answer our demands in the future.]

5. My commandment to the mujahidin is, do not abide by any worldly laws because we were created to break them, so they would not delay our work.

The operation cost us 5 million kaldars… but our profits were not comparable to that sum of money… they were doubled several times… from the financial aspect… and from the morale aspect; we redeemed some of our incarcerated people and achieved massive victory for Muslims against the whole world."

We embraced… everyone went his own way… seeking another mission.

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